

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

- 1-13. (Canceled)
14. (New) An method of under color removal, the method comprising:
- providing a initial color value as a minuend;
 - providing a under color value as a subtrahend wherein at least a most significant bit of said subtrahend is a sign bit; and
 - subtracting said subtrahend from said minuend to yield a carry-out signal and an output color result representing said initial color value net of said under color value;
 - limiting said result by:
 - logically ORing each bit of said result with the logical AND of said carry-out and said sign bit; and
 - logically ANDing each bit from said ORing step with the logical OR of said carry-out bit and said sign bit to yield an output bit.
15. (New) The method of Claim 14, said providing an initial color value comprising providing an 8-bit initial color value word.
16. (New) The method of Claim 14, said providing an initial color value comprising providing a word and said providing an under color value comprising providing a double word.
17. (New) The method of Claim 14, said providing an under color value comprising providing a 16-bit word.
18. (New) The method of Claim 14, said providing an under color value comprising providing a 16-bit word in which a most significant 8-bits have the same value.
19. (New) The method of Claim 14, said providing an under color value comprising providing a double word in which all of the bits in the most significant word have the same value.
20. (New) The method of Claim 14, said providing an initial color value comprising providing an initial color value in unsigned binary format.
21. (New) The method of Claim 14, said providing an under color value comprising providing an initial color value in two's complement format.

22. (New) A circuit comprising:
- an processing unit receiving a minuend and a subtrahend and outputting a result equal to said minuend minus said subtrahend and a carry-out bit;
 - at least one first AND gate for logically ANDing said carry-out bit and a sign bit of said subtrahend;
 - at least one first OR gate for logically ORing said carry-out bit and a sign bit of said subtrahend;
 - at least one second OR gate for logically ORing each bit of said result with an output of said first AND gate;
 - at least one second AND gate for logically ANDing each output of said at least one second OR gate with an output of said first OR gate.
23. (New) The circuit of Claim 22, wherein said processing unit receives said minuend as an 8-bit binary word.
24. (New) The circuit of Claim 22, wherein said processing unit receives said subtrahend as an 8-bit two's complement word.
25. (New) The circuit of Claim 22, wherein said processing unit receives said subtrahend as a 16-bit two's complement word wherein a most significant 8 bits of said subtrahend are equal to a sign bit.